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AGREEMENT (GIFA)

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1. DEPT. REQUESTS EMBASSY TO INFORM KUZNETSOV THAT U.S.
SCIENTISTS WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SCIENTIFIC ANNEX
TO GIFA IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO-DAY PERIOD DURING WEEK OF
OCTOBER 18 (MOST LIKELY DATES ARE OCTOBER 19 AND 20)
DEPT. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY OF PRECISE DATES SOONEST.

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT, AS DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW BY

U.S. DELEGATION, THIS ANNEX DEALS WITH DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SOVIET VESSELS. U.S. SCIENTISTS WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ONLY THIS ANNEX DURING OCTOBER MEETING. OTHER MATTERS DEALING WITH SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X OF THE GIFA WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION BETWEEN US/USSR SCIENTISTS FOLLOWING SIGNING OF GIFA. ON THIS BASIS, DEPT. BELIEVES TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSION WILL BE SUFFICIENT. IF NECESSARY, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO EXTEND TALKS FOR ONE ADDITIONAL DAY.

3. WHEN IN MOSCOW TO NEGOTIATE GIFA, U.S. DELEGATION PROVIDED INFO ON SUBJECT ANNEX AND OFFERED TO ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN SCIENTISTS, IF THERE WERE PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS ON SOVIET SIDE. ALTHOUGH USSR HAS NOW REQUESTED MEETING, WE ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR VIEWS ON ANY PROBLEM AREAS ON THE ANNEX. DEPT. REQUEST EMBASSY TO INQUIRE AS TO SPECIFIC POINTS USSR DESIRES TO RAISE REGARDING ANNEX. DEPT. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE NAMES OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. REGARDING REFTTEL A, PARA 2, DEPT. IS OF VIEW THAT PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 17-24 FOR SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON GIFA IS SUFFICIENT TO FINISH OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT, SINCE NEARLY ALL SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET APPROACH ARE JURIDICAL. IF BASIC JURIDICAL DIFFERENCE CONTINUES, AN ADDITIONAL WEEK WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OR LEAD TO AGREEMENT. IF SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE PROVISIONS OF U.S. LAW AND EXTENDED U.S. FISHERY JURISDICTION, THEN THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 17-24 IS SUFFICIENT TO DO THE WORK REQUIRED.

5. PER REFTTEL B, PARA 1, DEPT. WILL ARRANGE NON-SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL TALKS FOR NOVEMBER 15-16 IN ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE PROGRESS IN SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. BECAUSE OF OVERALL SCHEDULING, HOWEVER, DEPT. CANNOT PROPOSE DATES AT THIS TIME FOR RESUMING TALKS IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER. NEGOTIATIONS COULD NOT LIKELY RESUME UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. HABIB

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